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Platform of the National Democracy.

Pre-eminent among all the States of the Union, Illinois has been the battle-ground of the Democracy. Here, in the days of Jackson, the principles of the Democratic party were developed, and the popularity of the Democratic leaders tested. Here, in the days of Lincoln, Douglas and Shields, the great principles of popular sovereignty were established, when none of the subtleties of Black Republicanism had been invented to confuse the public mind, and when the Democracy of Illinois, in the days of Douglas, were in the front rank of the battle for the Constitution and the Union.

Therefore, as the Representatives of the Democracy of Illinois, we have been called upon to declare our principles, and to define our position.

1st. That the adherence with unfaltering fidelity to the principles of the Democratic party, as enunciated in the Cincinnati Convention of June, 1856, upon the Slavery question, and the construction of the Federal Constitution, is the only true and reliable ground of safety to the Democracy, and the only sure guarantee of the perpetuity of the Union.

2d. That we regard the Democratic party as the only political organization of the country which will unfurl to the breeze of liberty, and to mankind the broad platform of principles, which, when administered in the true spirit of the Constitution, will rally around the ballot-box of the country, the great conservative mass of the people, from whom the Democracy of Illinois, in the days of Jackson, in the days of Douglas, and in the days of Lincoln, have shown it to have and reposed confidence, and which, when administered in the same spirit, will secure to the Constitution of the United States the same confidence and support from the people of the whole country that they have, in the days of its adversity, received from the Democracy of Illinois.

3d. That the achievements of any mere political party, however brilliant, or however long continued the ascendancy of the party may have been, are not to be compared with the party can, and will sacrifice, not only the ascendancy of the party, but the party itself, when the preservation of the Union demands the sacrifice.

4th. That the principles of non-intervention on the part of the General Government with the Slavery question of the domestic institutions of the different States, and the principle of self-government in the Territories, first established by Jefferson, and acknowledged standards of the Democratic party, and which, in the days of Douglas, were established and maintained by the Democracy of Illinois, and upon which the people have shown it to have and reposed confidence, and which, when administered in the same spirit, will secure to the Constitution of the United States the same confidence and support from the people of the whole country that they have, in the days of its adversity, received from the Democracy of Illinois.

5th. That the settlement in accordance with the principles of the Democratic party, as recognized in the Cincinnati platform, of the Slavery question upon the Territories, by the Supreme Judicial Tribunal of the country, has given peace to the country and the Union, and has elevated the character of the Democratic party, and has given it a higher claim upon the confidence and support of the people of the whole country, than it ever before possessed, and that the Democracy of Illinois, in the days of Douglas, were in the front rank of the battle for the Constitution and the Union, as interpreted by the Constitution of the United States, and that they will be found in the same position in the days of its adversity.

6th. That the Democracy of Illinois, in the days of Douglas, and in the days of Lincoln, have shown themselves to be the unflinching friends of the Constitution and the Union, and that they will be found in the same position in the days of its adversity.

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11th. That we deem the contest so nobly waged by the Democracy of Illinois, in the days of Douglas, and in which the Union was formed, and that, in its application to the Territories, the Democracy of Illinois claim to be American in the days of its adversity.

12th. That the recent search of American waters, by the British vessel of war Harriet Lane, for the purpose of arresting the crew of the American vessel, the Cyane, on the high seas, and the subsequent arrest of the crew of the Cyane, by the British authorities, in the British port of Trinidad, and the refusal of the British Government to release the crew of the Cyane, on the demand of the American Government, are insults to the American people and the rights of the nation.

CHANDLER'S CRITICAL MASS MEETING.

HON. P. D. SHEPHERD Nominated for the Legislature.

SPEECHES AND GREAT ENTHUSIASM.

Pursuant to a call issued by the District Committee of the 35th Representative District, a meeting of the Democracy of said District was held at Monticello on Saturday last, for the purpose of making a nomination for Representative in the General Assembly.

Present, Messrs. Piatt, Champaign, Smith, Macon, Champaign and Pratt counties. The Convention was called to order at 11 o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Lewis Ikirt, Esq., of Decatur, Dewitt, M. Willamberger, Esq., of Macon, was appointed Chairman, and Wm. H. Lucas, of Piatt, Secretary of the Convention.

The object of the Convention having been stated by the Chairman, on motion of a committee of five was appointed to draft resolutions.

During the absence of the committee, the Convention was addressed by Hon. Wm. Van Dorsten, of Dewitt.

The Democracy of Dewitt reposited resolutions strongly indorsing the Administration and endorsing the Cincinnati platform, and nominated Mr. Douglas, which were unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ikirt proposed the name of Hon. P. D. Shepherd, of Piatt, for Representative.

Mr. Shepherd proposed the name of Wm. N. Coler, Esq., of Champaign, (Douglas) as candidate.

Mr. Coler, though he preferred not to pass "any name but Douglas," and "any other man," would not plunge himself, if elected, to vote against him, and, consequently.

Mr. Shepherd was almost unanimously nominated on the first ballot, and was then declared by the Chairman unanimously elected.

On being introduced to the Convention, Mr. Shepherd made a very able and effective speech, pledging himself that, if elected, he would carry out the principles of the National Democratic party.

The Convention then adjourned till one o'clock, P. M.

When the delegates reassembled, together with a vast concourse of Democrats, (who were not delegates) from the counties above mentioned, they were ably addressed by Henry S. Fitch and Jno. J. Neagle, Esqrs., of Chicago, Hon. P. H. Shepherd, of Macon, and others. The speeches of the latter gentlemen we have not had an opportunity to listen to, and cannot speak of them; but the first two named, Messrs. Fitch and Neagle, delivered speeches which, for ability and power, we have rarely heard surpassed in this city. Mr. Fitch spoke for two hours and a half, and Mr. Neagle for three hours, and both were listened to with the most profound attention by the large audience, which, in the open air, numbered not less than 2,000 persons.

The speech of Mr. Shepherd is said to have been a perfect ovation. He will make a thorough canvass of the district, and will, we are confident, be elected by a large majority.

The committee on resolutions, after the meeting had been addressed by Messrs. Fitch and Neagle, reported the following, which were unanimously adopted:

A certain Gen. Smith, a leading Know Nothing, who was then in the convention, says K. N.'s there might be in the crowd to whom he said this, but he thought was a private matter. Nothing like that was heard by Democrats.

Mr. Shepherd replied to him in a manner that was far more pleasant to the ear than that of Gen. Smith.

Wm. N. Coler, Esq., the Douglas candidate for the legislature, then made a very able and effective speech, in which he declared his unalterable attachment to the principles of the Democratic party, and his determination to support the nominees of the party, whether they were those he would have preferred or not.

"The Pair of Mr. Douglas—The War is Inevitable, and Let it Come."

A correspondent of the Cincinnati Enquirer who reports upon the matter, that Mr. Douglas has been in Europe, and has endeavored to persist in their and attempt to nullify the decision of the Democracy of Illinois, seriously minds through the representatives of the Democracy of Illinois—so many and their tenure endeavor to override the unquestioned right of the people of a State to and not the organization in a single state of the Democratic party, which has preserved the Union. It is true that heated words have been used in this contest, but this fact has not been used to maliciously embroiling the Democracy of the different States, as in the days of Lexington Platforms, and the handling of the Democracy of Illinois by the Administ pointed speeches, but at the same time the Democracy of Illinois, by so nailing the party in spunned, Democrats are driven out platforms are mutilated by Douglasites, and the Democracy of Illinois, by so doing, shows that their fathers and their friends their followers of the days of Jackson, and of the days of Lexington Platforms, and the handling of the Democracy of Illinois by the Administ pointed speeches, but at the same time

A Game that Two Could play at.—Several days ago a well dressed young gent appeared at Chattanooga, and by some means secured the confidence of the clerk, or we will be reached Huntsville. Here confidence obtained, and Mr. — left in charge of the train, and as making his first report to the Nashville Union, Huntsville and Huntsville, he found the door of one of the private saloons fastened. The bartender assured him that there was a man in the saloon, and that he was engaged at play, he told the bartender to point out the man, and he would call him out, and he he might collect his ticket. Fowler had no sooner made his appearance at the door than the gentleman, thinking all was safe. When he took his seat in the car he was missed from his hand, and put it under his seat. When called upon for his ticket, he remarked that while in the saloon, he put all his travel out of the window to have room to deal, and was unfortunate as to lose his bill, which was in the hands of the dealer, and he could not think of paying twice. The conductor told him he was sorry for his circumstance very much, but as it was one which he could not control, and as he was a stranger, he would be compelled to make him pay a second time, or else he would have to leave the train at Madison station. The gentleman was disturbed, and remarked that he left several gentlemen in the saloon, and he could not see why they should not let him that he was at the end of his rope, and leave him a passage. Finally the ticket, he was so hurting down, he reached under his seat, and, how much his fate was astonished to see his bill, which he had dropped there

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LOCAL MATTERS.

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NOTICE—The Committee of Arrangements for the National Democratic Convention, to come off in Springfield, on Tuesday next, are requested to meet in the Council Room of this office, tonight, at eight o'clock. Be punctual.

FLOUR FOR SALE.—We are printing a large lot of flags which we will sell cheap. They are calculated for political demonstrations, and will be sold with or without candidates' names. Send in your orders.

Prosbury & Co. have the following description of a new species for dollar bill on the Bank of Tennessee: "A Mercury seated, sailor, ship in distance, bust upright, Washington on left, bow knot between signatures. Paper light and partly dense.

WHY SHOULD WE MEDDLE DEARNED FRIENDS"—Under the head of "Mere of it," we find the following in the *Tower-ite*. The Pontiac boys will please answer: "John E. Hankes, from the post of Surveyor of Customs at Cairo, Illinois, and appointed Levi S. Leland."

REMEMBER NOT TO BORROW, that the *State Democrat* can give you more printing and do it better and cheaper than any Central Illinois. Election tickets printed at low rates and furnished to any quantities. All kinds of Job Printing done in the shortest notice. Call at the *State Democrat* Office, corner of Fifth and Adams House if you want your work done well.

Selling Out.—We would call attention to the advertisement of Messrs. A. J. & J. H. Van Deren, in the fifth page of this paper, who are selling off their present stock of dry goods, groceries, etc. at cost, with a view to changing their business. Give them a call if you want to secure bargains.

Martin White! Martin White!!

NO MORE FROM Martin White. It is time his agent had heard from him. On it he writes that the "Democracy of Cass is all to pieces." Down his throat has strangled the poor man? Water, ten times worse, than the wine Martin White is pouring his body. Why don't his friends write?

MORRISON'S MEETING.—As we predicted, the Springfield clique met on Wednesday night to consider the proposition for the use of the hole Mr. Douglass in his last fall into the arms of the Black Republicans. The chief measure was to get excited, and were very much worked and bothered as to what to do. Very finally concluded that it was well to be hung for a sheep as a lamb, and they would swallow the dose, no matter how bitter. Accordingly were sent by a party of the movement, among the rest by Col. Jon. Baker, who, by the way, is a man of great virtues (dress goods) eaten by the Legislature, and Col. J. A. McClernand.

JUDGE AND CLERK.—We were much pleased at a conversation we had with Col. Abe Lincoln and a friend of ours in front of our office on Wednesday last. "What do you think?" said our friend to Abe "of popularity?" (Douglas' and his.) "Why," said our friend, "it seems to me as if you two were standing in counties of equal size, each one has the best right to Republican votes; but I think, Mr. Lincoln, that your claim is the best."

"So do I sir," replied Lincoln, "but I'll be d—d if I don't have to *fight* for every *inch* of it." Our friend simmered.

The National Democratic.

Let every Democrat be on hand on Tuesday next to the Ides of May, to the favorite son of Kentucky, Hon. Jno. C. Breckinridge, who with a host of speakers will address the people on the issues of the politics of the day. Let nothing detain you or keep you away. Remember that it will be the only chance you will have to hear Kentuckian in Illinois. Let it be a demonstration worthy of the Democracy of the United States. There let us resolve that dissenters and factionists shall not be suffered to distract the party, and that it shall be their selfish ends.

Let every man who feels that this country shall not be given over to sectionalism come up and make the 7th of September a GLORIOUS DAY.

DIED.

In Springfield, Wednesday, Sept 1, 1858, J. W. Stuart, aged 2 years, 11 months and 19 days.

Chicago Times and other papers please copy.

MASS MEETING

OF THE

NATIONAL DEMOCRACY,

OF THE SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

The National Democracy of the Sixth Congressional District of the Sixth Congressional District is requested to meet in Mass Convention at Springfield, on Tuesday, the 7th day of September next, at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of appointing Delegates to the Democratic Convention, to be held in Springfield, on the 8th day of September, to nominate a candidate for Congress, and to transact such other business as may properly come before said Convention.

The Democracy of the several Counties composing said District will meet at the usual places of holding elections in their respective Precincts, on Saturday, the 4th day of September, at 4 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of appointing Delegates to said Convention, and they are requested to make their appointments accordingly

Moffett Resolution.

WHEREAS, Information has reached us that Hon. Wm. Moffett, of Joliet, has announced himself as a candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor of this State, and

WHEREAS, We believe that the said Wm. Moffett is not a fit and proper person to be elected to the office of Lieutenant Governor of this State, and

WHEREAS, We believe that the said Wm. Moffett is not a fit and proper person to be elected to any office of honor or trust in